

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 845
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2013; March 5, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
1-4 March 13, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of e-mail and website technology by the Texas
1-20 Department of Licensing and Regulation.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 51.207, Occupations Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 51.207. USE OF TECHNOLOGY. (a) The commission shall
1-25 develop and implement a policy requiring the executive director and
1-26 department employees to research and propose appropriate
1-27 technological solutions to improve the department's ability to
1-28 perform its functions. The technological solutions must:

1-29 (1) ensure that the public is able to easily find
1-30 information about the department on the Internet;

1-31 (2) ensure that persons who want to use the
1-32 department's services are able to:

1-33 (A) interact with the department through the
1-34 Internet; and

1-35 (B) access any service that can be provided
1-36 effectively through the Internet; and

1-37 (3) be cost-effective and developed through the
1-38 department's planning processes.

1-39 (b) The department shall provide on its Internet website a
1-40 link to an Internet website that allows the public to track
1-41 legislation affecting the programs administered by the department,
1-42 which may be a website that provides legislative information
1-43 administered by the Texas Legislature.

1-44 (c) The department may satisfy any requirement under this
1-45 chapter or another law governing a program subject to regulation by
1-46 the department to provide notice by delivering the notice by e-mail
1-47 to the recipient's last known e-mail address if the recipient has
1-48 previously authorized the department to deliver the notice by
1-49 e-mail. An e-mail address used under this subsection is
1-50 confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,
1-51 Government Code.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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